RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think that there is any such rule.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Do they not forfeit their seats if they continuously absent themselves?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If the matter is reported to Government the Judges may be removed by Government if they are convinced that they absented themselves without sufficient reason.

Supply of drinking water to coastal pakuthies.

223. ***MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the steps taken by them to supply good drinking water to the inhabitants of the coastal *pakuthies* of the Neyyattinkara taluk; and

(*b*) the number of wells sunk at Government cost in the above *pakuthies* during the last four years (1108-1111) and the amount allotted for each of these four years?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Sinking of protected sanitary wells according to the reports of the Director of Public Health or the Protector of the Depressed Classes.

(*b*) A *statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the reports referred to in part (*a*) of the answer contained any recommendation for the supply of drinking water to other parts of the State?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The reports relate to coastal regions only.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Coastal regions throughout the whole State?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there is any scheme for the supply of water to coastal regions of the Chirayinkil taluk?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think that there is any such scheme now before the Government. I claim notice.

Superannuated officers retained in service.

224. ***MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of superannuated officers retained in service with their respective pay, pension and designation?

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RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Miss D. H. Watts, Directress, State Guests Department—Pay Bh. Rs. 600 and Pension Rs. 442-4-0 and Mr. S. C. H. Robinson, Game Warden—Pay Rs. 400 and Pension Rs. 610-20-0.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether any age-limit has been fixed for these officers?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the Government have in contemplation any proposal to give any more pension or gratuity to these officers for their second service?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether these officers are to be given any pension for their service after retirement?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have just answered that question in the negative.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): We here, did not hear.

Koran in Law Courts.

225. ***MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the swearing on Koran by Muslim witnesses is insisted on in the Criminal Courts of the State as indispensable?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): What is the general practice in Criminal Courts in regard to swearing by the Muslim witnesses?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If any Muslim objects to touching the Koran while swearing, he is not compelled to do so?

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that only solemn affirmation is insisted upon?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think so.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Have the Government received any complaint in this matter?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

Importation of Scindhi Bulls.

226. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether infection of tuberculosis is being caused among the cattle by the importation of Scindhi bulls and cows;

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